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ATTN : Senior Representative,
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Administrative
Travel Criteria

REFERENCE:

1. After considerable checking with other Agencies it has been determined that for commercial air travel in areas outside the continental U.S. the rate applicable to the country or countries concerned may be prescribed except that where the air travel involves areas with different maximum per diem rates a maximum of \$8.00 is prescribed.

2. Provision in paragraph 46 of Standardized Government Travel Regulations prescribed the \$8.00 per diem maximum because it has been both impossible and impractical to determine when country borders are crossed while in the air; accordingly, it was necessary to simplify the regulations by authorizing a fixed rate while in air travel involving foreign countries with different maximum per diem rates. However, this regulation was not intended to preclude payment of a country rate when air travel commenced and ended within the same country for which a single maximum per diem rate is prescribed. Further, if travel commenced and ends in two or more adjoining countries for which identical per diem rates are prescribed, the prevailing country rate may be authorized.

3. To answer your inquiry for travel commencing and ending in [] or between the two countries a maximum per diem rate prescribed for those countries (at present \$8.00) may be authorized for personnel traveling by commercial aircraft.

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